

## AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/715,805, filed November 16, 2000, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,716,626, which claims priority from United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/166,540 filed November 18, 1999 and United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/203,633 filed May 11, 2000, which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 4A-4B. DNA sequence (SEQ ID NO:1) and amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2) of mouse FGF-21.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 5A-5B. DNA sequence (SE ID NO:3) and amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:4) of human FGF-21